

REMARKS

These remarks are responsive to the Final Office Action (FOA) dated December 21, 2005. In that Office Action, claims 1, 3, 4, 6-9, 14, and 21-28 were examined, claims 1, 3, 4, 6-9, 14, and 25-27 were variously rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, 102(b) and 103(a), claim 28 was allowed and claims 21-24 were objected to. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in light of the following amendments and remarks.

Claim Amendments

Applicant herein amends claim 1 to include the limitation of its dependent claim 21 and herein cancels claim 21. Thus, claim 1 is claim 21 rewritten into independent form and is now allowable as indicated by the Examiner in the FOA.

Applicant further herein amends independent claim 9 to address the Examiner's rejections and to include the limitation of claim 21. Therefore, Applicant believes claim 9 is now allowable over the prior art.

Applicant amends claim 28 to replace the term "pin" with "peg" to make the claim consistent with the prior usage of the term peg in the claim.

Applicant further adds new claims 29, 30 and 31 that depend from independent claim 9 and claim 28. These claims are polyethylene foam limitations which is subject matter previously presented in claim 3, therefore the Applicant believes that these claims are allowable and further are limitations which the Examiner is familiar.

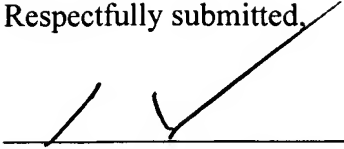
Conclusion

As a result of this amendment, claims 1, 3, 4, 6-9, 14, and 22-31 remain pending in this application. This amendment is believed to be fully responsive to all points in the Office Action. Pending claims , 3, 4, 6-9, 14, and 22-31 are believed to be in a condition for allowance. In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would advance the prosecution of this Application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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